

REMARKS

Claims in the case are 1-27. No claims have been amended, no claims have been cancelled, and no claims have been added herein.

Claims 1-27 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1-8 of United States Patent No. 6,733,543 B2 (hereinafter the '543 patent'). This rejection is respectfully traversed with regard to the Terminal Disclaimer included herewith and the following remarks.

Included herewith in Appendix-(I) is a Terminal Disclaimer relative to the '543 patent'. Applicants respectfully submit that all of the claims of their present patent application would not be obvious to a skilled artisan. In particular, the subject matter of Claims 22-25 are not deemed to be obvious to the skilled artisan.

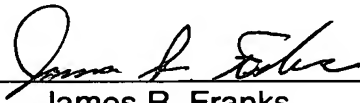
In light of the Terminal Disclaimer included herewith, and the preceding remarks, the present obviousness-type double patenting rejection over the '543 patent' is deemed to have been overcome. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the present rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-27 stand provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1-27 of copending and commonly assigned United States Patent Application Serial No. 10/733,657 (attorney docket number PO-8027) (hereinafter, the '657 patent application'). This rejection is respectfully traversed with regard to the Terminal Disclaimer included herewith and the following remarks.

Included in Appendix-(II) herewith is a Terminal Disclaimer relative to the '657 patent application'. In light of the Terminal Disclaimer included herewith, and the preceding remarks, the present obviousness-type double patenting rejection over the '657 patent application' is deemed to have been overcome. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the present rejection is respectfully requested.

In light of the Terminal Disclaimers included herewith and the preceding remarks, Applicants' presently pending claims are deemed to define an invention that is unanticipated, unobvious and hence, patentable. Reconsideration of the rejections and allowance of all of the presently pending claims is respectfully requested.

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APPENDIX-(I)

Terminal Disclaimer Relative to
United States Patent No. 6,733,543 B2.